

GREAT SHORTSTOPS.

Holders of This Important Station Compared.

HANS WAGNER THE BEST.

Genial German Greatest the Game Ever Knew—Terry Turner Next With Joe Tinker, Kid Elberfeld and Bill Dahlen Following.

By THOMAS F. CLARK.

Shortstop and third base are two of the most difficult positions to play on the baseball diamond. The short fielder is called upon to handle more assists than any other player on a ball team. Nearly all the great championship teams have had great shortstops.

In order to be a good shortstop a player must be fast. He never has time to stop and figure out the next move. Brain, feet and hands must work as one. The faster a man is the more ground he can cover, provided he has an arm capable of catapulting the ball across the diamond to first.

Some men have played short for years, and among them are men who made good after they commenced to get slow simply because they possessed fine baseball brains and used them all of the time. They knew where and when to play every man at bat.

Hans Wagner's great work at short and with the stick materially helped to give several pennants to Pittsburgh. Freddie Parent, now with the Chicago Americans, covered short field for the Boston American league champions. Monte Cross was the shortstop of the champion Philadelphia Athletics. George Davis of the Chicago Americans and Joe Tinker of the Chicago Nationals helped their respective teams to win championship pennants. O'Leary's work with Detroit stamps him as one of the best fielding shortstops in the game. Hughey Jennings, the red haired leader of the Detroit Tigers, while a member of the Baltimore covered short as it was never played before. As a batter he always was among the 300 boys. He was one of the mainstays of Hanlon when that manager "copped" three straight pennants with his bunch of Baltimore youngsters. Jennings' arm went back on him, however, and he finally fell out of fast company, only to return as manager and cop a flag. Hughey was one grand ball player in his day.

George Davis formerly played short, but is now at second base for the Chicago Americans. He began to show what was in him in the late nineties. He played with Cleveland when that team beat Baltimore for the Temple cup. He went to New York and then to Chicago. As a fielder he is as good as the best of them, also a fair batter, but his main asset is his "think tank." He is one of the headiest men in baseball.

Bobby Wallace of the St. Louis Americans was the best in his day. He is still one of the greatest fielders and is playing a star game this season for the Browns. He is not the best batter in the business, but watch the pitchers in a pinch and see if they don't pass him. In a tight place Bobby can always be relied on. He is a fair man on the sacks and rarely gets caught napping.

Terry Turner of the Cleveland Americans is next to Hans Wagner, the greatest shortstop of today. Turner possesses a wonderful whip and catlike agility, which makes him one of the wonders of the game. He is a good batter and a splendid fielder. He is young and has years in which to improve.

Joe Tinker of the Chicago Nationals is next to Terry Turner. He is a steady, reliable batter, a grand fielder and all around ball player.

Manager Elberfeld of the New York Americans is one of the best hitters in the business, a fine fielder and a good inside player. His throwing arm, however, is under suspicion.

Bill Dahlen of the Boston Nationals is still one of the best—can field as good as the next, is an accurate thrower, clever base runner and a good man with the stick. At the present time he is leading his team in batting. Dahlen has shown great improvement in all departments since he left the New Yorks. Phil Lewis of the Brooklyn Nationals would be one of the best if he would put his mind on it. Phil is wealthy and plays just for the sport there is in it. When he is good he plays a sensational game, but on his off days he plays like an amateur. Bridwell of the New York Nationals was never a crack. Doolin of the Philadelphia is one of the best shortstops in the National league. He is also a steady, reliable batter and a grand all around player. Neil Ball of the New York Americans, who has been holding down Elberfeld's place, is promising. Perhaps in a year or so he will be one of the league's best. E. Collins of the Philadelphia Americans, Wagner of the Boston, McBride of the Washingtons and O'Rourke and Charles of the St. Louis Nationals are all youngsters.

Now we come to the greatest of them all, Hans Wagner of the Pittsburgh Nationals. Wagner, the broad shouldered, bowlegged, short fielder, is without doubt the greatest who ever held down that important position. He is a splendid fielder, covers a vast area of ground, knows inside baseball from A to Z, has a strong whip and can throw from any position, whether his feet be wide apart or solidly planted.

As a base runner he has few equals. Take him on the whole for playing, base running and batting, he is the greatest the game ever knew.

RALPH ROSE A WONDER.

Lanky Californian Without a Peer at the Shot Put.

In winning the sixteen pound shot put, by hurling the ball 46 feet 7½ inches at the Olympic games, Ralph Rose, the lanky Californian, clearly demonstrated that he is without a peer in this class. Rose created a sensation



RALPH ROSE, WORLD'S GREATEST SHOT PUTTER.

last summer by breaking six world records in one afternoon at Travers Island, New York. He holds all shot put records from eight to twenty-eight pounds. Rose's best mark with the sixteen pound ball is 49 feet 7¼ inches. It is said in practice he has hurled the ball 51 feet.

PLUCKY NAP RUCKER.

Brooklyn Nationals' Star South Paw Pitcher—A Conscientious Worker.

Many good and popular ball players have played on the Brooklyn National league club in the past, but none of them stood better with the enthusiasts of the game than does plucky Nap Rucker.

Rucker has shown himself this year to be the best left hand pitcher in the National league. He has very seldom been outpitched by the opposing twirler in any game this season. The inability of the Brooklyn players to hit the ball and their proneness to make damaging errors at critical stages have cost Rucker about every defeat charged against him. A common remark among the fans is, "If Rucker were pitching for New York, Chicago or Pittsburgh he wouldn't lose a game all season."

As the ball players say, Rucker "has everything," including a fine spit ball. His long suit is his ability to spit the plate with the ball either with a curve or a fast straight ball.

Rucker is only twenty-three years of age, and this is his second season in fast company. He has a powerful physique. He has good habits, and there is no apparent reason why he should not be a star in fast company for several years.

"Cy Young is my idea of a pitcher," says Rucker. "I am willing to listen to any advice he may hand out to young pitchers, because he knows what he is talking about. I don't know whether I can stay in the big league as long as Cy Young has been in classy company, but I am going to try."

MAY REINSTATE CORRIGAN.

Noted Western Turfman Likely to Race Again on Eastern Tracks.

Edward Corrigan, the noted western turfman, whose horse Huron was permitted to start in the Futurity in 1901 because of a court order the owner had secured after the colt had been declared ineligible by officials of the Coney Island Jockey club and who was later denied club privileges, is likely shortly to be reinstated and permitted to race on eastern tracks.

Huron finished second to His Highness, but the judges disregarded Huron in placing the horses at the finish. Corrigan sued to recover second money. Following the refusal of the Coney Island Jockey club to receive his entry, the other racing associations took similar action, and Corrigan has since confined his racing affairs to the west and south, although in 1899-1901 he raced a string in England.

From the standpoint of a trainer and breeder Edward Corrigan stands very high in the estimation of turf followers all over the country. His name has never been associated with any questionable transaction in racing, and his horses have never been in and outers in any respect. All the trouble Corrigan has ever had has been with men

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The wonderful part of Sheppard's running was that he had not trained a day for the race at that distance. All along he had been pointed for the 800 meter event and had trained accordingly. Sheppard has not competed in a mile race in more than two years, yet he went out and whipped the best



MELVIN SHEPPARD.

men England can boast of in record time.

The moral effect of Sheppard's victory on both the English and American teams was tremendous. To the English it was a stinging blow, as this 1,500 meter event was one that was already counted as being in the John Bull column.

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Former Yankee Will Add Strength to McGuire's Red Sox.

Jake Stahl, whose release the Boston Americans purchased from the New Yorks recently, will undoubtedly show improvement at first base with Jim McGuire's Red Sox. Stahl was not a success with New York. Clarke Griffith tried to make an outfielder of him. The task was impossible, and no one realized it more keenly than Stahl. He



JAKE STAHL, FIRST BASEMAN OF THE BOSTON AMERICANS.

was worried and fell down badly in batting. He played the best he could for the Yankees, but he was hardly an ideal outfielder. His ground covering capacity was not quite wide enough for a position so important as left field, and he was inclined to be a little slow in handling hits which require great activity in being returned to the diamond.

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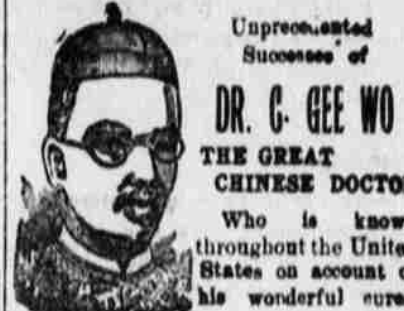
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